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Dear Randolph Township Residents,

The township has three major departments: Fire Department/EMS, Roads & Cemetery, and the General Fund.

Two of the departments facing funding challenges are the General Fund and EMS fund; for which a levy renewal will be on the ballot in May for EMS services. Because of funding cuts from the state, our revenue has gone down. Funds can be taken from the General Fund for the other departments but, Fire, EMS and Road are Levied funds and can not be transferred to the General Fund. Dan Kolasky, Zoning Inspector and Trustee Assistant, is paid out of the General Fund. The following are his duties: Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees, Zoning Inspector, JMV inspector, animal control contact, secretary to all zoning boards, assistant to department heads at the direction of the trustees, general purchasing at the direction of the trustees, hall rental and use coordinator, general hall maintenance, park and property use and inspection contact at the direction of the trustees, website construction, newsletter editor, Community Business and Township Roundtable Facilitator, and all other functions as required at the direction of the Randolph Township Trustees. With cuts in funding from the state it saddens me to say we no longer can keep Dan Kolasky as full-time Zoning Inspector and Trustee Assistant. Dan will be laid off effective the end of March. Dan has been with Randolph Township for 15 years.

I have enjoyed working with Dan. The trustees have all taken voluntary cuts to help get through the funding challenge. All of the trustees love our hometown of Randolph. We want Randolph to have the best of everything. Having Dan full-time is a luxury we have had that we can no longer afford. The other departments will take on the responsibilities that Dan has had to the best of their abilities. Combining jobs and services is something that all forms of government are doing, and will do, to survive.

It has been wonderful, as a trustee and as someone who works in Randolph and surrounding areas, to have Dan Kolasky in Randolph five days a week to help with any number of things. I went to school with Dan and have seen the value he has added to this township, with his job and his volunteerism over the years. I sincerely wish Dan the best in all future endeavors. I thank him for his involvement at his job as well as everything he has done in his 51 plus years as a Randolph resident. Dan, I wish you all of God's blessings and continued success. (I hope we will all be seeing you around town for many years to come).

Susan White
Randolph Township Trustee

WHAT IS?



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EMS

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1. What is the EMS levy?

The current 1.0 mil levy was passed by voters in 1990 in order to fund operating costs for Randolph EMS. Since 1990 the EMS levy has **NEVER** increased, however total requests for our service have increased by more than 80%. Due to the ever increasing costs associated with providing EMS, the Randolph Fire Department must ask the voters for an increase. In addition to renewing our current 1.0 mil levy, the Randolph Fire Department is asking our residents to also support a 1.0 mil increase.

2. How much will the levy cost?

The levy will cost 20 cents total per one hundred dollars of tax valuation over 5 years. Even with the increase, Randolph residents will still have one of the lowest rates of taxation for fire/EMS in Portage County.

3. Why is the EMS levy needed?

When EMS was first offered to residents in 1976, the service was fully funded from donations and money from the fire equipment levy. This type of sustainment is no longer possible. The current cost of an ambulance is about \$150,000 and each squad carries about \$75,000 worth of equipment and supplies. The training cost for a member to obtain their Paramedic certification is over \$6000. With EMS accounting for about 75% of our total call volume and each call requiring about 2 hours of time, the need for paid station staffing for EMS has become imperative.

4. What does the EMS provide?

When the original levy was passed in 1990, the fire department responded on 350 total fire/EMS incidents for the year.

In 2013 Randolph Fire Department responded to 609 total calls, of which 455 were for EMS. Additionally, our EMS treated 236 patients at the Randolph Fair last year. We currently staff 2 Advanced Life Support (Paramedic Level) ambulances that provide the latest in advanced pre-hospital care. This includes trauma, heart attack, stroke, seizures, COPD, CHF, and diabetes as well as other medical emergencies.

For more information call the Randolph Fire Department at 330 325-1904
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